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**From:** Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 2/7/2019 1:44:02 AM  
**To:** MacIntyre, Mark [Macintyre.Mark@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Opalski, Dan [Opalski.Dan@epa.gov]; Holsman, Marianne [Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: MEDIA INQUIRY - Seattle Times/NW Public Radio - EPA Request to Withdraw 401 Cert request for 9 Columbia River Dam permits

Got it. Thanks.

On Feb 6, 2019, at 8:41 PM, MacIntyre, Mark <Macintyre.Mark@epa.gov> wrote:

Dan Opalski, Our Water Director.

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**From:** Drinkard, Andrea  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 5:41 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>; MacIntyre, Mark <Macintyre.Mark@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: MEDIA INQUIRY - Seattle Times/NW Public Radio - EPA Request to Withdraw 401 Cert request for 9 Columbia River Dam permits

I'll flag again for awareness.

For context, who emailed it to Anna? I want to mention it when I touch base with her.

On Feb 6, 2019, at 8:29 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Looping Andrea

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 6, 2019, at 7:25 PM, Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov> wrote:

Nancy, call me if you need some background on this. We do need the water folks to sign off...thanks. This is the same issue we had the major Seattle Times story on last week...

Marianne

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**From:** MacIntyre, Mark  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 06, 2019 4:14 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>; Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** MEDIA INQUIRY - Seattle Times/NW Public Radio - EPA Request to Withdraw 401 Cert request for 9 Columbia River Dam permits

**Nancy: We have submitted this for Anna Wildman's(OW) review, but have not gotten a response yet.**

**Who took the call/e-mail:** Mark MacIntyre/206-553-7302

**Date and Time:** 05-06-19 2:30 pm(PST)

**Media Outlet:** Seattle Times/NW Public Radio

**Reporter (include phone number and/or e-mail):** Lynda  
Mapes/206-464-2515 Courtney Flatt NWPR/509-372-7404

**Topic:** EPA request to withdraw requests to the Washington Department of Ecology for 401 certification

**Reporter Question:** Seattle Times: Why did EPA withdraw its request for 401 certification from the Department of Ecology on draft NPDS permits for the nine federal dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers?  
When is EPA sending the permits to Ecology again for certification?

NWPR: I'm looking into the EPA's recent withdrawal its 401 certification request from the Washington Department of Ecology. Would anyone at EPA be able to speak to me about this? I'm curious about the reasons for withdrawal and what this means going forward, etc.

**Deadline:** 2/6/19 COB

**Proposed Action/Outcome:** Our proposed response:

"EPA has determined that the preliminary draft permits for which we had requested water quality certification need additional internal review. Therefore, we have withdrawn our requests for water quality certification at this time. We fully intend to reinitiate our requests for water quality certification after we have completed our internal review and updated the preliminary draft permits, as appropriate."

**Status: (Open/Closed/Pending):** OPEN (engaging HQ)

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